

Lincoln D. Almond, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Mark S. Davis, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

David Gregory Kays, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

David J. Novak, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Carolyn P. Short, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Joseph P. Russoniello, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Gregory A. Brower, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Edmund A. Booth, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Michael G. McGinn, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

William Joseph Hawe, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on September 7, 2007, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: On November 2, 2007, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Kohl (Chairman), Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Nelson (NE), Reed, Bennett, Cochran, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Craig, and Brownback.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Mikulski (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Shelby, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Brownback, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on Defense: Senators Inouye (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Dorgan (Chairman), Byrd, Murray, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, Inouye, Reed, Lautenberg, Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, and Allard.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Durbin (Chairman), Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Brownback, Bond, Shelby, and Allard.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security: Senators Byrd (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Cochran, Gregg,

Stevens, Specter, Domenici, Shelby, Craig, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies: Senators Feinstein (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Dorgan, Mikulski, Kohl, Johnson, Reed, Nelson (NE), Allard, Craig, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Bennett, Gregg, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies: Senators Harkin (Chairman), Inouye, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Durbin, Reed, Lautenberg, Specter, Cochran, Gregg, Craig, Hutchison, Stevens, and Shelby.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch: Senators Landrieu (Chairman), Durbin, Nelson (NE), Alexander, and Allard.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veteran Affairs, and Related Agencies: Senators Johnson (Chairman), Inouye, Landrieu, Byrd, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Hutchison, Craig, Brownback, Allard, McConnell, and Bennett.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs: Senators Leahy (Chairman), Inouye, Harkin, Mikulski, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed, Gregg, McConnell, Specter, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies: Senators Murray (Chairman), Byrd, Mikulski, Kohl, Durbin, Dorgan, Leahy, Harkin, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Bond, Shelby, Specter, Bennett, Hutchison, Brownback, Stevens, Domenici, Alexander, and Allard.

Senators Byrd and Cochran are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

STATE OF THE U.S. ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States Army, focusing on the Army's strategic imperatives, after receiving testimony from Pete Geren, Secretary, and General George W. Casey Jr., Chief of Staff, both of the United States Army, Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee order favorably reported the nominations of John J. Young, Jr. of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and Douglas A. Brook, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, both of the Department of Defense, Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and 135 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

ISSUES FACING THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine issues facing the United States space program after retirement of the space shuttles, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator for Space Operations, and Richard Gilbrech, Associate Administrator, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING FUND REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2203, to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, after receiving testimony from James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Wesley P. Warren, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, DC; and John R. Longenecker, Longenecker and Associates, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada.

AMERICA'S CLIMATE SECURITY ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, after receiving testimony from Ron Sims, King County, Seattle, Washington; Fred Krupp, Environmental Defense, New York, New York; Eileen Claussen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, and Kevin Book, FBR Capital Markets Corporation, both of Arlington, Virginia; and Christopher Berendt, Pace, Fairfax, Virginia.

MERIDA INITIATIVE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the anti-drug package for Mexico and Central America, known as the Merida Initiative, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, both of the Department of State.

RADIOLOGICAL DISPERSION DEVICE RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a joint hearing with the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration to examine the national level of preparedness of the United States to respond following an radiological dispersion device (RDD) or “dirty bomb” attack, focusing on the coordination with and capabilities of federal, state, and local governments to work together, after receiving testimony from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Steven Aoki, Deputy Under Secretary of Energy for Counterterrorism; Thomas P. Dunne, Associate Administrator of Homeland Security, Environmental Protection Agency; Glenn M. Cannon, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Operations Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Kevin Yeskey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services; Kenneth D. Murphy, Oregon Emergency Management, Salem; Thomas S. Tenforde, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, Bethesda, Maryland; and Wayne J. Tripp, General Physics Corporation, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), focusing on S. 1881, to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to restore the intent and protections of that Act, after receiving testimony from John D. Kemp, Powers, Pyles, Sutter, and Verville, P.C., Dick Thornburgh, Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, and Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center Federal Legislation Clinic, all of Washington, DC; Camille A. Olson, Seyfarth Shaw, LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Stephen C. Orr, Rapid City, South Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 366, designating November 2007 as “National Methamphetamine Awareness Month”, to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse;

S. Res. 367, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall; and

The nominations of Joseph N. Laplante, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, Reed Charles O'Connor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Thomas D. Schroeder, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, and Amul R. Thapar, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

NURSING HOME TRANSPARENCY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nursing home transparency and improvement, focusing on federal, state, and industry initiatives to improve nursing home transparency, enforcement, and the quality of services in the country's 16,000 nursing homes, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Kerry Weems, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Sarah Slocum, Michigan State Long Term Care, Lansing; David R. Zimmerman, University of Wisconsin Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Madison; Arvid Muller, Service Employees International Union, Steve Biondi, Extendicare Health Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on behalf of the American Health Care Association; and Bonnie Zabel, Marquardt Memorial Manor, Inc., Watertown, Wisconsin, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.